

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

ALDERLEY EDGE


ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

YEAR - 1949



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ALDERLEY EDGE.

3rd November, 1950

To the Chairman and Members of the
Alderley Edge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs Watson and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1949, together with that of the Sanitary Inspector. The delay in production of this is regretted, but for a considerable part of the year I have been short staffed on the clerical side.

Infectious diseases were not prevalent during the year. The vital statistics continue to be satisfactory.

The joint appointment as Divisional Medical Officer continues and is proving satisfactory. This Report will be combined with the Divisional Report for printing.

I wish to express my thanks to the staff for the work done and to other officials of the Council for their help and co-operation.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs Watson and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID G. ANDERSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1949.

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STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health:

D. G. ANDERSON, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector:

J. B. BROWN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(Holds the Special Diploma of the Royal Sanitary Institute
for the inspection of meat and other foods)

CLERICAL:

Joint with Divisional Medical Office.

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(TELE: GATLEY 3201)

Sanitary Inspector's Office:

COUNCIL OFFICES, ALDERLEY EDGE.

(Tele: A.E. 2150)

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SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres).....	699
Registrar-General's Estimate of resident population (Mid 1949) ...	3,670
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1949) according to rate books ...	1,184
Rateable Value (end of 1949).....	£35,507
Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated).....	£141.9

Social conditions: The district, where built up, is almost entirely residential, but there is a very considerable area which is rural in character.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

(after correction for inward and outward transfers as furnished by the Registrar-General).

<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	52	32	20
Legitimate	50	30	20
Illegitimate	2	2	-

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population... 14.7

Illegitimate births per 1,000 live births 3.9

<u>STILLBIRTHS.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Rate per 1,000 total live and still
births -

Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population -

<u>DEATHS (All Causes).</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
	46	21	25

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident..	Crude	12.5
population... ..	Corrected	10.4

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

(Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List):-

		<u>Death rate per 1,000</u> <u>total (Live and Still)</u> <u>Births.</u>	
	<u>Deaths.</u>		
No. 29 - Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis	-	-	
No. 30 - Other Maternal Causes	-	-	
Total Maternal Causes	-	-	

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.</u>					<u>Total</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u> <u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u> <u>Females</u>
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.</u>							
All infants per 1,000 live births ...	...	...	...	...	-
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births ...	...	...	...	...	-
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births ...	...	...	...	...	-

<u>COMPARISON WITH ENGLAND AND WALES.</u>					<u>Birth</u> <u>Rate.</u>	<u>Death</u> <u>Rate.</u>	<u>Maternal</u> <u>Mortality.</u>	<u>Infant</u> <u>Mortality.</u>
Alderley Edge Urban District					14.7	10.4	-	-
England and Wales					16.7	11.7	0.98	32

<u>DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIAL CAUSES:-</u>									
Cancer (all ages) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Measles (all ages)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs of age)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Influenza (all ages).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Pneumonia (all ages).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

There have not been any cases of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area. There is no evidence of any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) Staff:

A list of staff is given at the beginning of the Report.

Duties:

The Medical Officer of Health is restricted from private practice and is Medical Officer for the Urban Districts of Alderley Edge, Cheadle, & Gatley and Wilmslow. He is also Divisional Medical Officer for the Cheadle and Wilmslow Divisional Health Committee of the Cheshire County Council. The boundaries of the Division coincide with his area as Medical Officer of Health and also with the Education Division.

The Sanitary Inspector is full time in the employment of the Council and is also Pests Officer and responsible for the removal and disposal of house refuse including salvage.

(b) Laboratory Facilities.

Practically all the laboratory work in connection with the prevention of disease is now dealt with by the Regional Public Health Laboratory situate at Monsall Hospital, but a small number of specimens are still dealt with at the Stockport Infirmary and Stepping Hill Hospital Pathological Departments.

(c) Ambulance Facilities, Treatment Centres and Clinics, and Nursing in the Home.

All these are fully dealt with in the Divisional Report.

(d) Hospitals.

The change-over has made little difference in regard to the Hospitals which are utilised for the district, but it does appear to have made it more difficult to deal with the aged and chronic sick.

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2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used in the study. It includes information about the sample size, the data collection methods, and the statistical analysis techniques.

3. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results of the study. It presents the findings of the research and compares them with the previous studies in the field.

4. The fourth part of the report is a conclusion and a list of references. The conclusion summarizes the main findings of the study and provides recommendations for future research. The references list the sources of information used in the study.

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6. The sixth part of the report is a list of abbreviations and a glossary. The abbreviations list the shortened forms of words and phrases used in the report. The glossary provides definitions for the key terms and concepts used in the study.

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8. The eighth part of the report is a list of footnotes. These footnotes provide additional information about the study, such as the author's contact information, the date of the study, and any other relevant details.

9. The ninth part of the report is a list of acknowledgments. This section acknowledges the individuals and organizations that provided support and assistance during the study.

10. The tenth part of the report is a list of references. This section lists the sources of information used in the study, including books, articles, and other documents.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(a) Water Supply:-

There has been no alteration in the water supply in the area, the only extension being to new houses. It continues to be satisfactory both in quality and quantity. The bacteriological examinations of the supply have been made by the supplying council. The water is not liable to have a plumbo-solvent action and no contamination has been detected, therefore there has been no necessity for any action.

(b) Sewage Disposal.

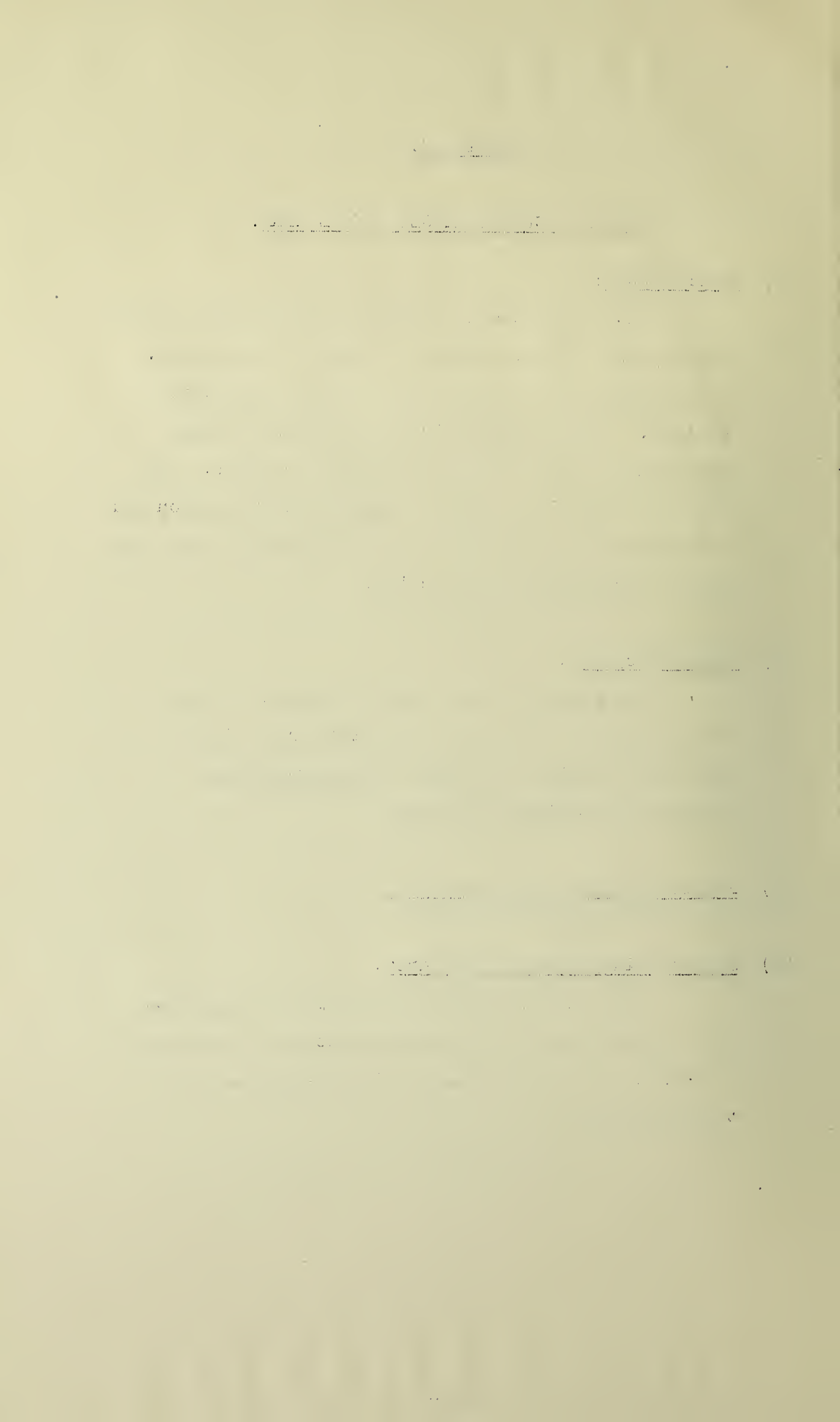
The works are very unsatisfactory, but the Council have done as much as possible and a joint scheme with Wilmslow is under consideration, and a Consulting Engineer appointed.

(c) Public Cleansing and Scavenging

and

(d) Sanitary Inspection of the area.

The Sanitary Inspector's report is appended and I would comment on his thoroughness and the amount of work he has been successful in getting done on a voluntary basis.



SECTION D - HOUSING.

Existing Houses.

This matter is fully dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's report, and though there are no "unsafe" houses, there are many that would be dealt with if times were normal.

New Houses (since 1945).

Council.

Houses completed: Permanent	197
Temporary	-
Houses under construction: Permanent	2
Temporary	-
Houses authorised but not yet commenced	-
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<u>Total</u>	<u>199</u>

Private Enterprise.

Houses completed	12
Houses under construction	12
Houses for which licences have been issued but not yet commenced	-
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<u>Total</u>	<u>24</u>

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

This is dealt with fully in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

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SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases were notified during the year:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Whooping Cough	15	15
Measles	73	73
Pneumonia	5	5
Food Poisoning	4	4
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	98	97
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Of the cases of Food Poisoning, three were in one house and had a "home" source so far as could be ascertained. One was connected with a larger out-break in other areas, the cause was meat-pies produced in one district, but widely distributed. Detection of the source in this case would have been impossible, but for the information from and co-operation of the Public Health Laboratory Service.

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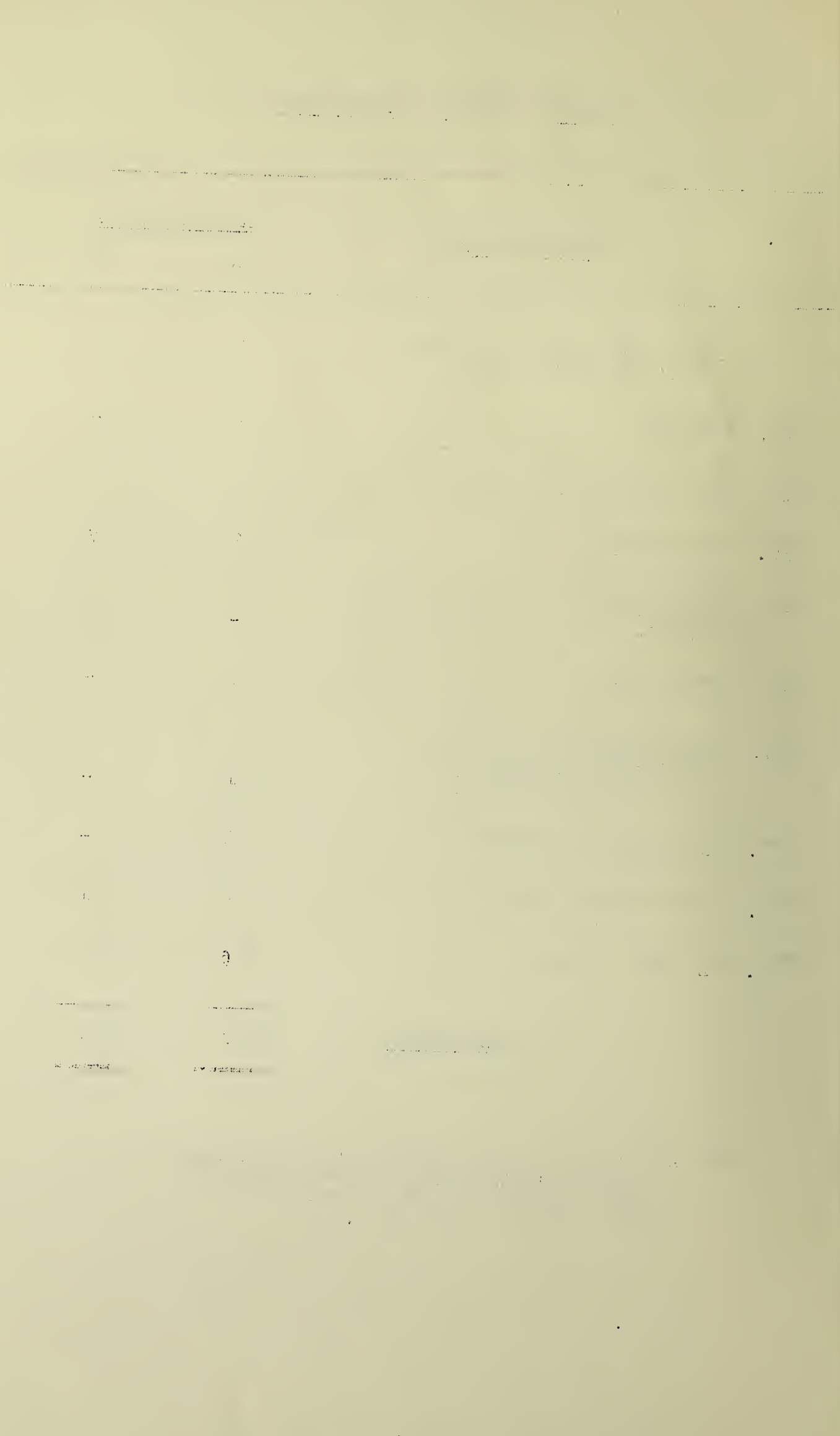
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CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS (1949)

No.	<u>Cause of Death.</u>	<u>Alderley Edge</u>	
		M.	F.
7.	Other forms of tuberculosis (i.e not respiratory)	1	-
10.	Measles	1	-
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	1	9
19.	Heart Disease	9	7
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	-	1
21.	Bronchitis	1	-
27.	Other digestive diseases (not appendicitis or infantile diarrhoea)	1	-
34.	Road traffic accidents	1	-
35.	Other violent causes	-	1
36.	All other causes	6	1
<u>All causes</u>		<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>

Note - The number given refers to the Registrar General's Short List based on the fifth (1938) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death.



REPORT ON FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS: The following report gives information regarding the work under the Factories Act in this district.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors):-

Premises. (1)	Number on Register (3)	Inspections (4)	Number of written notices (5)	Owners Prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	9	10	1	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	23	29	4	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	1	1	-	Nil
Total:	33	40	5	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

Want of Cleanliness.....	1	Remedied.....	1
Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable..	4	Remedied.....	4
Other offences.....	1	Remedied.....	1

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Number of outworkers (Wearing Apparel).....6
(Making etc)

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ALDERLEY EDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Sanitary Inspector

To the Chairman and Members of the
Alderley Edge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs Watson and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my second annual report on the work of the Health Department during the year 1949.

In anticipation of ministerial direction to proceed with clearance areas, a preliminary report was prepared during the year on certain sub-standard houses. It is improbable that these houses can be dealt with in the near future. Essential repairs have, however, been executed and all complaints have received immediate attention.

Apart from delays during the early months of the year, a weekly collection of household refuse has been undertaken. Additional permanent labour has been secured and future difficulties should not arise.

Attention has been given to all premises where food is handled and the general standard of cleanliness is good.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for your support and consideration, also of expressing my appreciation for the help and co-operation of Dr. Anderson and all the officials of the Council.

I have the honour to be,

Yours obediently,

JAMES B. BROWN

Sanitary Inspector.

Summary of Inspections and Visits.

Classification	Total No. of Inspections & Revisits.	Informal Notices Served.	Informal Notices Complied with.	Statutory Notices Served.	Statutory Notices Complied With.
Accumulation Rubbish	16	4	4		
Chouses	11	1	1		
Cook Courses	8	1	1		
Chairs					
Ops	40				
Avans	6	1	1		
versions	3		1		
ked Meats					
ers	4				
ncil					
ecs	4	1	1		
ty Houses	4	1	1		
infections	4				
inage	144	18	18	1	1
in Testing	5				
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Classification	Total No. of Inspections & Revisits.	Informal Notices Served.	Informal Notices Complied with.	Statutory Notices Served.	Statutory Notices Complied with.
Workers	9				
Food Stores	2	1	1		
Inspection Stores	27		2		
Public Licensing:-					
Refuse Disposal	165				
Refuse Collection	83				
Salvage	123				
Control Stores	84	2	1		
Restaurant Hotel Kitchens	17	2	2		
Military Accommodation	18	2	1		
Tools	11	1	1		
Ops Act	60	4	2		
Work Sanitation	1				
Hazardous Wastes	11				
Workplaces	4				
Buildings and Structures	14	4	4		
Miscellaneous	5				
	1203	93	92	6	6

HOUSING :

A preliminary report on sub-standard houses was prepared during the year, and six areas, probably definable as clearance areas under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936, were considered.

The houses inspected, generally fall short of the provisions of the present Bye-laws and of the General Standard of Housing accommodation in the district. Almost all the Houses were affected with varying degrees of dampness. Some few of the Houses, because of bad arrangement, lack of air space and ventilation, and darkness, should be dealt with expeditiously.

Until some relaxation is made by the Ministry of Health, it is not possible to deal with the above areas except by taking out certain individually unfit houses, and this procedure would be undesirable, at the present time.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES :

(1) There are in the Urban Area the following premises where food is prepared, stored and sold.

Bakehouses	7
Butchers Shops	6
Fried Fish & Chip Shops	3
Greengrocers	4
Cooked Meat Manufacturers	2
Hotel Kitchens	5
Restaurant Kitchens	4
School Kitchens	4
Ice Cream Makers	3
Ice Cream Dealers	4
Provisions	15
Wet Fish Shops	3

These food premises have been inspected at regular intervals.

(2) Food Surrendered.

Beef (Bone Taint)	24 lbs
Lamb (Abscess)	5 "
Sausages (Decomposition)	40 "
Tinned Goods (Blown or Damaged)	<u>31 "</u>
	100 lbs.

(3) Animals inspected at time of slaughter.

	<u>No.</u>
Pigs (No evidence of disease)	6

(4) Slaughtermens licences issued 2

(5) Bacteriological Examination of Ice Cream.

No. of Samples	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
6	3	2	1	-

INSPECTION OF SHOPS :

As Sanitary Authority, this Council is only responsible for enforcing certain provisions of S. 10 of the Shops Act, 1934, which relate to Heating, Ventilation and Sanitary Conveniences, the Local Authority (i.e. the Cheshire County Council) being responsible for the enforcement of the remainder of the Act. During the year most of the shops have been inspected and notices served where necessary.

No. of combined dwelling and shops	50
No. of Lock-up Shops	39
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Total	89
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No. of shops where assistants are employed -	<u>31</u>
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MILK & DAIRIES :

There are in the Urban Area:-

<u>Dairy Farms</u>	5
<u>Dairies</u>	1 (Discontinued)
	(in)
	(November)

These premises have been regularly inspected.

<u>Retail Distributors</u>	9
<u>Wholesale Distributors</u>	2

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS:-

No. of Supplementary Licences issued:-

Sterilised Milk	2
Pasteurised Milk	3
Tuberculin Tested Milk	3

Under the Food & Drugs (Milk & Dairies) Act, 1944, the responsibility for the control of dairy farms was transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, as from the 1st October, 1949. It is intended, however, to supervise closely the methods of Milk Distribution, to continue sampling for cleanliness and tuberculosis infection, and to maintain liason with the responsible Ministry.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

Class of Milk.	Number of Samples	METHYLENE BLUE TEST		COLIFORM \times TEST		PHOSPHATASE TEST		TURBIDITY TEST		TUBERCULOSIS	
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Negative	Positive
Ungraded)	5	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Designated)	8	4	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	8	-
Not designated	5	3	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	3	-
	18	12	4	5	5	3	-	2	-	16	-

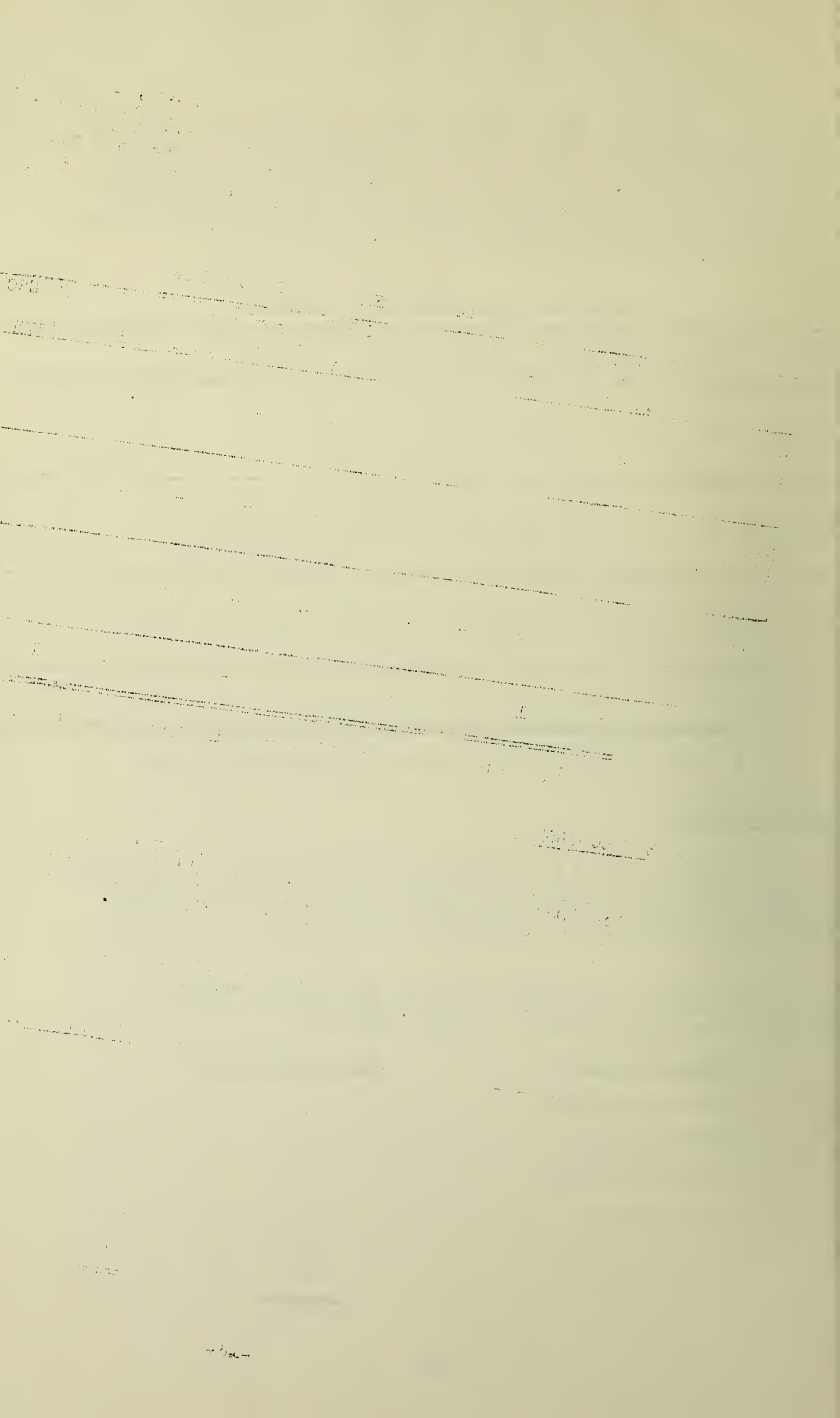
\times Discontinued as a routine test in September, 1949.

RODENT CONTROL :

This Council is responsible for the enforcement of the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, by delegation from the County Council, and 50% of approved expenditure is paid as a percentage grant from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries.

One trained part-time operative is employed and the following premises were successfully treated during the year, the infestations being chiefly of a minor character.

<u>Class of Premise.</u>	<u>No. of Treatments.</u>
Council Properties	9
Council Sewers	3
Business Premises	8
Private Houses	15
	<u>35</u>



PUBLIC CLEANSING :

Refuse Collection.

Collections are made by a Karrier Bantam vehicle with a team of three men including the driver. During the months of January and February it was not possible to collect from all premises on a weekly basis, and great difficulty was experienced in maintaining a satisfactory service because of sickness and consequent labour shortage. Mechanical trouble with the vehicle and bad weather contributed to this difficulty. To avoid as far as possible, a recurrence of such trouble, a permanent spare driver-handyman was appointed in March to work in the Engineer's department, but available for immediate transfer to the Cleansing Department as necessary. Since March, the weekly service has functioned very creditably, and few complaints have been made.

Refuse Disposal.

Disposal by controlled tipping on the Wilmslow Road site has been continued up to September, when the tip became almost filled. A new site was obtained adjoining the Housing Estate consisting of a stagnant pond which in the past, had been used as an unauthorised dump for unwanted materials; had been a breeding ground for mosquitoes, and a source of potential danger to children. The pond was emptied and the area screened and fenced, and tipping was commenced in September. It is estimated that this site should be available until April, 1950. At the time of writing negotiations are taking place for the purchase of land adjoining the Urban area, and should such land become available, controlled tipping can be commenced on a long term policy.

Approximately 598 Loads of Refuse weighing 1025 tons were disposed of during the year as compared to 550 Loads of 860 Tons during 1948. The increased tonnage is partly due to the completion of the Housing Estate in 1949.

SALVAGE.

In June, supplies of mixed waste paper exceeded demand, and the price obtainable fell from £6. 7. 6. per ton to £3. 15. 0. per ton. Collections, however, by the Binmen from domestic premises and by the Engineer's lorry from trade premises have been continued, and no difficulty has been experienced in disposing of stock at the lower price.

The decision to continue collections of waste paper will be reviewed from time to time, having regard to the costs of collection and baling in relation to the costs of disposal by controlled tipping.

PAPER SOLD TO LICENCED DEALERS

Year	Weight T. C. Q.	Value			Government Bonus Received			Incentive Bonus Paid to Binmen		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1947	33. 0. 0.	221.	6.	6.	13.	10.	0.			
1948	38.18. 3.	248.	18.	6.	7.	14.	5.	28.	3.	0.
1949	41. 1. 3.	211.	9.	11.	25.	10.	6.	30.	17.	0.

Other Salvage sold during the year 1949.

Scrap Metal	£2.	8.	1.
Rags		4.	0.
Sacking (Hessian)	4.	13.	6.
Cardboard Boxes	3.	0.	1.
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	10.	5.	8.
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